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“Concentrate” and “exterminate”: Israel parliament deputy speaker’s Gaza genocide plan

Submitted by Ali Abunimah on Sun, 08/03/2014 - 16:31

Moshe Feiglin, the deputy speaker of the Knesset, Israel’s parliament, has published a plan for the total destruction of the Palestinian people in Gaza.

His detailed plan, which calls for the use of concentration camps, amounts to direct and public incitement to genocide – a punishable crime under the Genocide Convention.

In a 1 August posting on his Facebook page, Feiglin, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s ruling Likud Party, calls for the “conquest of the entire Gaza Strip, and annihilation of all fighting forces and their supporters.”

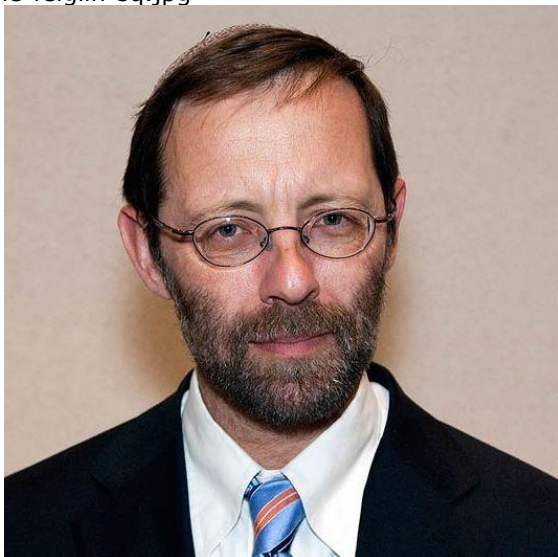
“This is our country – our country exclusively,” he writes, “including Gaza.”

Feiglin’s posting is the text of a letter he addressed to Netanyahu.

Citizens and public authorities around the world should attempt to have Feiglin arrested and prosecuted under the Genocide Convention for his statements, should he set foot in their territories.

His abominable plan comes as the death toll from Israel’s ongoing slaughter in Gaza reaches 1,752 people, including ten persons killed on Sunday morning when Israel once again bombed a United Nations-run school being used as a shelter, this time in the southern town of Rafah.

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Moshe Feiglin (David Rabkin/Wikimedia Commons)
Feiglin, like his Knesset colleague Ayelet Shaked, has previously made genocidal statements, but these are perhaps his most specific and explicit.

Calling for mass extermination and ethnic cleansing, Feiglin now urges Netanyahu to “turn Gaza into Jaffa, a flourishing Israeli city with a minimum number of hostile civilians.”

Jaffa is a major Palestinian coastal city that was ethnically cleansed by Zionist militias in 1948 and incorporated into present-day Israel. The few thousand Palestinians who remain in the city face ongoing attempts to force them out.

As of this writing, Feiglin’s Facebook post had more than eight thousand “Likes” and had been shared almost two thousand times.

“Concentrate” and “exterminate”

Feiglin writes that the Israeli army must “designate certain open areas on the Sinai border, adjacent to the sea, in which the civilian population will be concentrated, far from the built-up areas that are used for launches and tunneling. In these areas, tent encampments will be established, until relevant emigration destinations are determined.”

“Tent encampments,” where the Palestinian civilian population would be “concentrated,” are simply concentration camps.

“The supply of electricity and water to the formerly populated areas will be disconnected,” he adds.

He then calls for the “formerly populated areas” to be “shelled with maximum fire power. The entire civilian and military infrastructure of Hamas, its means of communication and of logistics, will be destroyed entirely, down to their foundations.”

The Israeli army would then “exterminate nests of resistance, in the event that any should remain.”

Expulsion

“Israel will start searching for emigration destinations and quotas for the refugees from Gaza,” Feiglin writes, but “those who insist on staying, if they can be proven to have no affiliation with Hamas, will be required to publicly sign a declaration of loyalty to Israel, and receive a blue ID card similar to that of the Arabs of East Jerusalem.”

Feiglin’s statements are crimes

The Genocide Convention defines genocide as any of a number acts “committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such.”

These acts are:

Killing members of the group;

Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;

Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Feiglin's plan has clear genocidal intent in at least two respects: he denies that the Palestinian people exist and he defines Palestinians collectively as an enemy and target because of their religion:

"There are no two states, and there are no two peoples. There is only one state for one people."

"The strategic enemy is extremist Arab Islam in all its varieties, from Iran to Gaza, which seeks to annihilate Israel in its entirety."

In addition to outright acts of genocide, punishable crimes under the convention include "direct and public incitement to commit genocide"; "conspiracy to commit genocide" and "complicity in genocide."

Any fair-minded prosecutor would see that Feiglin's statements provide ample probable cause for action under the convention.

State parties to the Genocide Convention are obligated to punish crimes under the Genocide Convention in their domestic courts.

Citizens around the world should seek to have Feiglin and any other Israeli leaders who commit genocidal acts arrested and sent for trial by using whatever legal mechanisms are available, including notifying law enforcement and immigration authorities of such genocidal statements.

Full translation of Feiglin's statement

Feiglin's Facebook page is verifiable as his because it is linked from his [official page on the Knesset website](#).

Here is Feiglin's [1 August statement on Facebook](#), translated in full by Dena Shunra:

With God's Help

Attention

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Mr. Prime Minister,

We have just heard that Hamas has used the ceasefire to abduct an officer. It turns out that this operation is not about to be over any too soon.

The failures of this operation were inherent to it from the outset, because:

a. It has no proper and clear goal;

b. there is no appropriate moral framework to support our soldiers.

What is required now is that we internalize the fact that Oslo is finished, that this is our country – our country exclusively, including Gaza.

There are no two states, and there are no two peoples.

There is only one state for one people.

Having internalized this, what is needed is a deep and thorough strategic review, in terms of the definition of the enemy, of the operational tasks, of the strategic goals, and of course, of appropriate necessary war ethics.

1. Defining the enemy:

The strategic enemy is extremist Arab Islam in all its varieties, from Iran to Gaza, which seeks to annihilate Israel in its entirety. The immediate enemy is Hamas. (Not the tunnels, not the rockets, but Hamas.)

2. Defining the tasks

Conquest of the entire Gaza Strip, and annihilation of all fighting forces and their supporters.

3. Defining the strategic goal:

To turn Gaza into Jaffa, a flourishing Israeli city with a minimum number of hostile civilians.

4. Defining war ethics: "Woe to the evildoer, and woe to his neighbor"

In light of these four points, Israel must do the following:

a. The IDF [Israeli army] shall designate certain open areas on the Sinai border, adjacent to the sea, in which the civilian population will be concentrated, far from the built-up areas that are used for launches and tunneling. In these areas, tent encampments will be established, until relevant emigration destinations are determined.

The supply of electricity and water to the formerly populated areas will be disconnected.

b. The formerly populated areas will be shelled with maximum fire power. The entire civilian and military infrastructure of Hamas, its means of communication and of logistics, will be destroyed entirely, down to their foundations.

c. The IDF will divide the Gaza Strip laterally and crosswise, significantly expand the corridors, occupy commanding positions, and exterminate nests of resistance, in the event that any should remain.

d. Israel will start searching for emigration destinations and quotas for the refugees from Gaza. Those who wish to emigrate will be given a generous economic support package, and will arrive at the receiving countries with considerable economic capabilities.

e. Those who insist on staying, if they can be proven to have no affiliation with Hamas, will be required to publicly sign a declaration of loyalty to Israel, and receive a blue ID card similar to that of the Arabs of East Jerusalem.

f. When the fighting will end, Israeli law will be extended to cover the entire Gaza Strip, the people evicted from the Gush Katif will be invited to return to their settlements, and the city of Gaza and its suburbs will be rebuilt as true Israeli touristic and commercial cities.

Mr. Prime Minister,

This is the a fateful hour of decision in the history of the State of Israel.

All metastases of our enemy, from Iran and Hizballah through ISIS and the Muslim Brotherhood, are rubbing their hands gleefully and preparing themselves for the next round.

I am warning that any outcome that is less than what I defined here means encouraging the continued offensive against Israel. Only when Hizballah will understand how we have dealt with Hamas in the south, it will refrain from launching its 100,000 missiles from the north.

I call on you to adopt the strategy proposed here.

I have no doubt that the entire Israeli people will stand to your right with its overwhelming majority, like myself – if only you will adopt it.

With high regards, respectfully,

Moshe Feiglin

<http://electronicintifada.net/blogs/aliabunimah/conceal-and-exterminateisraelparliamentdeputyspeakers-gaza-genocide-plan>

Elie Wiesel plays the Holocaust trump card in Gaza

[Marc H. Ellis](#) on August 4, 2014



Elie Wiesel (Photo: AP/Bebeto Matthews)

Just when you thought it couldn't get worse, it does. I'm not thinking about the actual war in Gaza – that's bad enough.

It's the Jewish civil war over Israel, a civil war that includes both sides appealing to non-Jews and American foreign policy.

Of course, it's also about the Holocaust, that vast swathe of traumatized Jewish identity that keeps breaking open even as Israel's occupation regime and war machine go haywire.

The veterans of Holocaust discourse are older now, all in their eighties, but periodically they're trotted out to support Israel – especially when there isn't any viable way of doing so.

Call it the Holocaust trump card. Elie Wiesels wild.

Elie Wiesel can't help himself. If he hasn't debased himself and his cause enough on the subject of Israel in recent years, his latest is a stunner.

Teaming up with Shmuley Boteach, a rabbi whose book on Kosher sex made a splash some years ago and has been gaming right ever since, Wiesel has just penned [a paid statement](#) making the rounds of major newspapers and other media outlets.

Wiesel's theme? "Jews rejected child sacrifice 3,000 years ago. Now it's Hamas' turn."

The theme is a play on God's command to sacrifice Isaac. With Israel's invasion of Gaza, God's last minute decision to let Isaac live doesn't work at all.

The press release lays out Wiesel's campaign:

New York, NY August 1, 2014 – In a stirring advertising campaign organized by Rabbi Shmuley's organization, This World: The Values Network, which seeks to disseminate universal Jewish values in politics, media, and culture as well as defend the State of Israel, Nobel Peace Laureate, Elie Wiesel, invokes the story of Abraham and the sacrifice of Isaac to frame the modern conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Wiesel states that though Abraham lifts his knife to sacrifice his own son Isaac, his hand is stayed by God's own command, thereby rejecting child sacrifice forever. He added that, "Jews rejected child sacrifice 3500 years

ago. Now it's Hamas' turn." Prof. Wiesel argues that while the suffering of those in Gaza is immense and a true tragedy, the blame lies solely with Hamas who use children as human shields and stores rockets and ammunitions in nurseries, schools, hospitals, and family homes.

Wiesel's autobiographical classic, *Night*, has been read by millions. It's required reading for vast numbers of American school children. *Night's* new translation even received Oprah's seal of approval.

But the Jewish establishment doesn't seem to get it. Playing the Holocaust trump card isn't working anymore. Few respond to their Holocaust pleadings as they did almost reflexively decades ago.

Call it cognitive dissonance – using Jewish suffering as a rallying call while Jews causing suffering to others in the name of that suffering is too confusing for most folks. Say the Holocaust and people think Gaza. It isn't a comparison. It's a deep revulsion to violence in the name of innocents suffering.

The problem is the news that keeps coming from Israel. Israel's bombing of residential areas, hospitals and UN schools and shelters is international news. In Gaza, even after Israel's proclaimed "withdrawal," the death toll mounts. Among the dead are children sacrificed for Israel's obvious goal – to deny Palestinians statehood, their political and human rights, which include the right to resist occupation.

The question for Elie Wiesel and the Jewish establishment is not about Abraham's binding of Isaac – a treasure trove for interpreters of all types – but how many Palestinians children in Gaza will be sacrificed on the altar of Israel's national security.

If God stayed Abraham's knife, who will stay Israel's?

<http://mondoweiss.net/2014/08/wiesel-holocaust-trump.html>

See: Eli Wiesel cons the world - Childhood home of biggest con-man in holocaust history becomes "education center" for hoax-a-cost lies
<http://www.eliewieseltattoo.com/>



Jews rejected child sacrifice 3,500 years ago. Now it's Hamas' turn.

More than three thousand years ago, Abraham had two children. One son had been sent into the wilderness and was in danger of dying. God saved him with water from a spring.

The other son was bound, his throat about to be cut by his own father. But God stayed the knife. Both sons – Ishmael and Isaac – received promises that they would father great nations.

With these narratives, monotheism and western civilization begin. And the Canaanite practices of child sacrifice to Moloch are forever left behind by the descendants of Abraham.

Except they are not.

In my own lifetime, I have seen Jewish children thrown into the fire. And now I have seen Muslim children used as human shields, in both cases, by worshippers of death cults indistinguishable from that of the Molochites.

I call upon President Obama and the leaders of the world to condemn Hamas' use of children as human shields.

What we are suffering through today is not a battle of Jew versus Arab or Israeli versus Palestinian. Rather, it is a battle between those who celebrate life and those who champion death. It is a battle of civilization versus barbarism.

Do the two cultures that brought us the Psalms of David and the rich libraries of the Ottoman Empire not share a love of life, of transmitting wisdom and opportunity to their children? And is any

of this discernible in the dark future offered by Hamas to Arab children, to be suicide bombers or human shields for rockets?

Palestinian parents want a hopeful future for their children, just like Israeli parents do. And both should be joining together in peace.

But before sleepless mothers in both Gaza City and Tel Aviv can rest, before diplomats can begin in earnest the crucial business of rebuilding dialogue... the Hamas death cult must be confronted for what it is.

Moderate men and women of faith, whether that faith is in God or man, must shift their criticism from the Israeli soldiers – whose terrible choice is to fire and risk harming human shields, or hold their fire and risk the death of their loved ones – to the terrorists who have taken away all choice from the Palestinian children of Gaza.

I call upon the Palestinian people to find true Muslims to represent them, Muslims who would never voluntarily place a child in danger.

I call upon President Obama and the leaders of the world to condemn Hamas' use of children as human shields.

And I enjoin the American public to stand firmly with the people of Israel who are in yet another struggle for survival, and with the suffering people of Gaza who reject terror and embrace peace.

Let us return child sacrifice to the darkest corner of history, and work towards a brighter future with those who choose life, Arabs and Jews alike, all of us Abraham's children.



Elie Wiesel

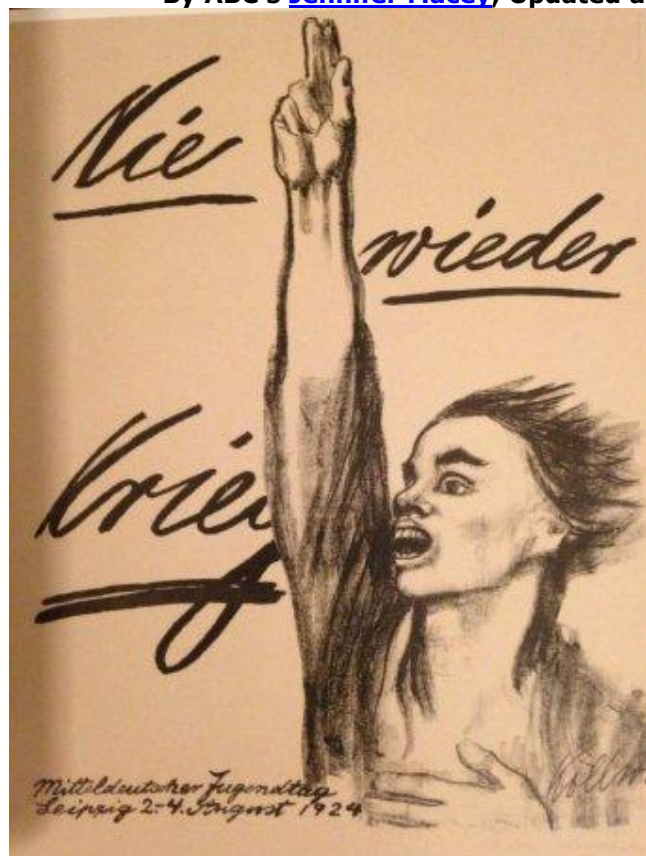
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Believe me, Germans don't ignore WWI

By ABC's [Jennifer Macey](#), Updated about an hour ago Mon 4 Aug 2014, 3:19pm



[Artist and pacifist Käthe Kollwitz made this poster for the 1924 youth day, which translates as "no more war" or "never again war". \(Jennifer Macey\)](#)

It's wrong to say Germans ignore WWI. While they may not remember the details of their own family history, the larger geopolitical history is burned into their collective memories, and so is the guilt, writes Jennifer Macey.

My great-grandfather died on the Western Front in WWI.

But I don't march on Anzac Day. I don't have any of his old medals. I don't visit his war grave.

He fought on the wrong side of the war. He was German.

A rough poll of my German mothers group drew a similar response.

Few are able to name a relative who fought in WWI. Yet they shamefully list family who fought in WWII as pilots, radio operators, and the SS.

Sybille Seidler says Germans are taught not to be proud of war: "There's nothing to celebrate."

Anna Steinhaus says at school they spent two weeks learning about WWI history and nine years on WWII and the Holocaust.

My friend, Lars Nieradzick, who works for the CSIRO in Canberra says, "Many of the personal stories of WWI have been forgotten because everything that came afterwards was so much worse."

The British tabloids have attacked Germany for this perceived lack of interest in the WWI centenary.

["Germany shuns 1914 centenary,"](#) and, ["Germany's cut price First World War Tribute,"](#) berates the Daily Mail. Even [Reuters](#) and the [BBC](#) got in on the criticism: "As

others mark World War One centenary, Germans prefer to forget."

But a spokesman from the German Foreign Ministry says, "To suggest Germans have forgotten the First World War is absurd."

On July 3, the German Bundestag held a [special session of parliament](#) to remember the centenary. There were two ceremonies in Berlin in June (and one in Sarajevo) to mark the 100th anniversary of the assassination of Austrian Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand, which triggered the war.

On that day, Chancellor Angela Merkel attended an EU commemorative event in Belgium and German president Joachim Gauck has a list of events still on his calendar for August when fighting broke out 100 years ago.

And more than 200 new history books have been rushed out for the centenary. Newspapers have devoted specials to WWI. There are countless documentaries on television and exhibitions held in museums and galleries around the country.

WWI historian, Professor Gerd Krumeich, from Düsseldorf University says the German government initially dragged its feet over the centenary but has now caught up with huge popular interest. He says WWI "conferences and exhibitions are packed".

It is true that Germany's anniversary events are typically academic and analytical, self-reflective rather than showy. There was no one big event planned for August 3.

But I'm not entirely sure what sort of ceremony would be deemed appropriate for the instigators and losers of the Great War.

Imagine a parade of soldiers marching down the avenues of Berlin in a country that once hosted the Nuremberg rallies? It's inconceivable to Germans.

Professor Krumeich says there's never been a tradition of remembering the Great War dead.

The Nazis took up the issue and commemorated a lot, (using the First World War for propaganda) and this was abandoned after 1945.

Klaus Wiegrefe wrote in the [weekly magazine Der Spiegel](#) that while the British government is funding school trips to the Western Front battlefields, "a response of this nature would be unthinkable in pacifist Germany."

About 17 million people died in WWI. "That's one of the reasons," president Gauck [told Der Spiegel](#), that he would consider "a German commemoration as merely being a sign of respect for the suffering of those we were fighting at the time."

Perhaps also why on August 3 Gauck is joining other heads of state at former WWI battlefields in France and Belgium, rather than hosting a ceremony on German soil, where no fighting occurred within Germany's current borders.

The German Foreign Ministry says the focus is on "remembering and honouring the victims and those who suffered in the Great War and to learn lessons for the future."

Far from forgetting, Germany as a nation has not stopped talking, thinking and arguing about its role in both World Wars since the 1950s.

Many see WWI as a disastrous campaign that killed millions and left Germany economically ruined, a country easily manipulated by a dictator like Hitler. While Germans may not remember the details of their own family history, the larger geopolitical history is burned into their collective memories and so is the guilt.

Generations of Germans still feel a deep sense of guilt and shame for starting and losing two world wars and being responsible for the 20th century's worst genocide.

Historian Mark Edele, a Professor at the University of Western Australia, says "indeed there are probably few societies who have such a keen sense of their own history, in particular their own problematic history, as Germany."

He says German war memorials are anti-militaristic tributes to the victims of war as well as to the soldiers.



PHOTO: Käthe Kollwitz's "Grieving Parents" statues were made to honour her son Peter who died in a nearby battlefield in 1914.(Supplied)

The kneeling statues at the German War Cemetery in Vladslo, Belgium, reflect this anti-militarism. Made by well-known artist and pacifist Käthe Kollwitz to honour her son Peter who died in a nearby battlefield in 1914, it's called Grieving Parents.

Since the end of WWII, Germans have also shunned patriotism, associating it with the worst crimes of national socialism. It was frowned upon to wave German flags or show any pride in the country.

Until, says Sibylle Seidler, Germany hosted the Football World Cup in 2006. She says, "It was the first time I saw German flags flying from cars and painted on faces."

Now Germany has won the 2014 World Cup in Brazil and it seems the whole country has draped itself in a shameless display of black, red and gold.

Speaking at the special session of the Bundestag, the French academic Alfred Grosser said Germans can now be proud of their anti-militaristic country, "one that in contrast to 1914 values freedom, law and unity."

Yet pride is something Germans still struggle with, and that may help explain why many have enthusiastically embraced a new book by Australian historian Christopher Clark. The book, called *The Sleepwalkers*, shifts the blame for WWI to all European powers.

Professor Krumeich says:

There has been a sort of trauma that we were not conscious of, that Germany has such rotten roots: WWI guilt, WWII guilt. People were very happy that an

Australian historian tried to prove that the Germans were much less guilty for WWI.

However, Professor Krumeich has now written a book to counter this argument and reinstate the view that Germany and Austria were responsible for the war in 1914.

German politicians use this very guilt to cling to the redemptive powers of the European project.

Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said, "Through the European Union, we have found a way to resolve our differences of interest peacefully. Instead of the law of the strong, Europe is now governed by the strength of the law."

He adds, "It is up to us to ensure that it (WWI) does not simply remain an uncomfortable memory but also an incentive to make the future better."

My friend Lars Nieradzik takes this responsibility on the chin. "It's the responsibility of all Germans to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again."

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Dave: 04 Aug 2014 2:33:12pm

The winners always write the history, so no great surprises, but there is nothing the Germans can do when it comes to commemorating war which will not produce criticism from British tabloids.

The Germans do not celebrate war and, as we often see in their more expensive makes of motor vehicle, it's sensible restraint. When a more positive commemoration of war effort was held in Latvia a few years ago, the criticism was very strong from around the world. From what I could see, the Latvian effort was not vastly different in tone from what we do here, but it was regarded very differently by British media and Jewish organisations (the Latvian war effort included concentration camps).

Japan and Germany have very militaristic pasts but their people today have had more cause to reflect on this than most, and we'd do better to listen to contemporary German and Japanese voices than British tabloids when it comes to issues around the commemoration of war and reasons for peace.

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Clotho: 04 Aug 2014 2:35:58pm

"The German Foreign Ministry says the focus is on "remembering and honouring the victims and those who suffered in the Great War and to learn lessons for the future."

Have to agree with that.

Celebrating war is macabre to say the least. I'm with who ever coined the phrase....Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.

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Pedro: 04 Aug 2014 2:51:11pm

The older I get and the more I learn about the real, rather than the concocted, history of we victors, the more I think Germany should not have a guilty conscience about either world war.

Should my views get a reply please don't try to feed me any more propaganda I have had over seventy years of it delivered by experts, especially during my military services, so now just find it amusing rather than edifying.

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romana rossi: 04 Aug 2014 2:56:08pm

Twenty years ago as a young woman I visited a German friend in Nuremburg. I asked him if we could go and visit the site of the Nuremburg rallies. The following day he took me to visit the site and I was surprised when I arrived to find over a dozen of his friends there to accompany me around the site. They all knew the history and were keen to share information about the horror of the holocaust and their feelings, as Germans, of the sadness and guilt about the holocaust. When I asked them why they had turned up, they expressed that they came often to pay their respect and also, so they would never forget. They were in their early 20's.

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losimpson: 04 Aug 2014 3:05:27pm

I see nothing to worry us that Germany does not make a big deal out of this. In fact, it could worry me if it did. I don't know what the British tabloids are on about.

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Tim: 04 Aug 2014 3:14:17pm

Whilst I respect the obvious sincerity of this article, the writer seems not to realise how contentious the issue of German guilt in the First World War remains. Far from being resolved, most historians accept that the task of assigning war guilt to this or that nation is a pointless academic exercise. The real crime, in my view, is that no nation was incapable of ending the war once the full horror of the new battlefields becoming apparent. The sacrifices already made became the only rationale for continuing the fight. Afterwards, the victors were forced to come up with vague notions of freedom and democracy to justify the unimaginable losses of life. Because if that weren't true? what was the point of it all?

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gerard oosterman: 04 Aug 2014 3:15:02pm

Remembrances of wars, no matter from which side, is often drum-beating of heroism from a safe side. The side of those that survived and stayed alive. The regaling of war triumphs and heroism is outdated and ought to be left to dusty history books. A better way would be to abhor all wars and avoid them like the evil that wars always are and have been.

A total waste.

Listen to Marlene's Dietrich beautiful song...wo sind die soldaten hin wo sind sie geblieben?

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Alan: 04 Aug 2014 3:23:10pm

I was in Dresden last Friday evening and attended a small commemoration held simultaneously with one of their sister cities, Coventry. Admittance of guilt, sympathy for ALL losses, prayers for current conflicts

were all held. Quite moving. The anti war movement here is very very big. I have lived in Germany on and off for 25 years and even in that time have seen changes. Most notably is the amount of sincere people I have met who have an incredible level of social awareness – more so than in Ireland and Australia. Their adoption of renewable resources puts Australia to shame: not the sign of an uncaring nation.

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wallaby: 04 Aug 2014 3:26:00pm

The war was total stupidity. We would be sensible to also forget it completely and stop honouring pure stupidity.

Comment not published: Fredrick Toben

This is a fine summary of what afflicts Germans to this day – an imposed guilt complex that is re-enforced by the basic fact that Germany is still an occupied nation. Further, daily saturation exposure of German guilt propaganda through all media outlets, which is reinforced legally, has enabled such a pathetic situation to prevail.

Think of the Holocaust narrative and how it is viciously propagated without anyone daring, on pain of imprisonment, to question its basic premise – six million, systematic state extermination, homicidal gas chambers.

Remember how eminent ABC personality Terry Lane summed up the prevailing problem in a letter to The Australian Jewish News, 4 December 1992, and which still today applies anywhere in the so-called free-and-democratic western world:

POWERFUL WORDS

I have said publicly that I will never write or speak on the subject of Israel or Palestine ever again. Here is why.

The Zionist lobby in this country is malicious, implacable, mendacious and dangerous. They have caused me a great deal of lost sleep – and in the end my insomnia has not contributed anything to the resolution of the conflict over Palestine. I might as well keep my mouth shut and get some sleep.

What's more, once the expression anti-Semite hits the air, or heaven forefend, the sacred formula six million is uttered, then I know from bitter experience that there is not one manager or editor in the country who will defend an underling. We are thrown to the jackals.

In the end the truly tolerant have no defence against intolerance. I surrender. To the Zionists I say: You win. To the Palestinians: Forgive my cowardice.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-04/macey-believemegermansdontignorewwi/5620600?WT.mc_id=newsmail

Israel's rank and rotten fruit is being called fascism



[Mike Carlton](#), July 26, 2014
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The images from Gaza are searing, a gallery of death and horror. A dishevelled Palestinian man cries out in agony, his blood-soaked little brother dead in his arms. On a filthy hospital bed a boy of perhaps five or six screams for his father, his head and body lacerated by shrapnel. A teenage girl lies on a torn stretcher, her limbs awry, her face and torso blackened like a burnt steak. Mourners weep over a family of 18 men, women and children laid side by side in bloodied shrouds. Four boys of a fishing family named Bakr, all less than 12 years old, are killed on a beach by rockets from Israeli aircraft.

As I write, after just over a week of this invasion, the death toll of Palestinians is climbing towards 1000. Most are civilians, many are children. Assaulting Gaza by land, air and sea, Israel has destroyed homes and reduced entire city blocks to rubble. It has attacked schools, mosques and hospitals. Tens of thousands of people have fled, although there is nowhere safe for them to go in this wretched strip of land just 40 kilometres long and about 10 kilometres wide. There are desperate shortages of food and water, of medical and surgical supplies.

In an open letter to US President Barack Obama, Dr Mads Gilbert, a Norwegian surgeon working at Gaza's al-Shifa hospital, writes of "the incomprehensible chaos of bodies, sizes, limbs, walking, not walking, breathing, not breathing, bleeding, not bleeding humans. Humans!

"Ashy grey faces – Oh no! Not one more load of tens of maimed and bleeding. We still have lakes of blood on the floor in the emergency room, piles of dripping, blood-soaked bandages to clear out ... the cleaners, everywhere, swiftly shovelling the blood and discarded tissues, hair, clothes, cannulas – the leftovers from death – all taken away... to be prepared again, to be repeated all over."

The onslaught is indiscriminate and unrelenting, with but one possible conclusion: Israel is not fighting the terrorists of Hamas. In defiance of the laws of war and the norms of civilised behaviour, it is waging its own war of terror on the entire Gaza population of about 1.7 million people. Call it genocide, call it ethnic cleansing: the aim is to kill Arabs.

As none other than Malcolm Fraser tweeted this week: "If any other country went to war killing as many civilians, women and children, it would be named a war crime." But it is not, although the UN is asking the question of both sides.

Yes, Hamas is also trying to kill Israeli civilians, with a barrage of rockets and guerilla border attacks. It, too, is guilty of terror and grave war crimes. But Israeli citizens and their homes and towns have been effectively shielded by the nation's Iron Dome defence system, and so far only three of its civilians have died in this latest conflict. The Israeli response has been out of all proportion, a monstrous distortion of the much-vaunted right of self defence.

It is a breathtaking irony that these atrocities can be committed by a people with a proud liberal tradition of scholarship and culture, who hold the Warsaw Ghetto and the six million dead of the Holocaust at the centre of their race memory. But this is a new and brutal Israel dominated by the hardline, right-wing Likud Party of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his coalition.

As one observer puts it: "All the seeds of the incitement of the past few years, all the nationalistic, racist legislation and the incendiary propaganda, the scare campaigns and the subversion of democracy by the right-wing camp – all these have borne fruit, and that fruit is rank and rotten. The nationalist right has now sunk to a new level, with almost the whole country following in its wake. The word 'fascism', which I try to use as little as possible, finally has its deserved place in the Israeli political discourse."

Fascism in Israel? At this point the Australian Likudniks, as Bob Carr calls them, will be lunging for their keyboards. There will be the customary torrent of abusive emails calling me a Nazi, an anti-Semite, a Holocaust denier, an ignoramus. As usual they will demand my resignation, my sacking. As it's been before, some of this will be pornographic or threatening violence.

In fact, that paragraph within the quotation marks was written by an Israeli. Gideon Levy is a columnist and editorial board member of the daily newspaper *Ha'aretz*. Born in Tel Aviv to parents who fled the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939, he despairs of what his country has become and the catastrophe its armed forces are visiting upon Gaza. After a recent column calling on Israeli pilots to stop bombing and rocketing civilians, his life was threatened and he now has a bodyguard day and night. It has come to that. In the worst insult of all, Levy is branded "a self-hating Jew".

Israeli propaganda is subtle and skillfully put. "If Israel were to lay down its arms tomorrow, she would be destroyed; but if Hamas were to lay down their arms, there would be peace," goes the line, parroted endlessly.

But in all these long and agonising decades, Israel has never offered the Palestinians a just and equitable peace. They would have only a splintered, vassal state, their polity and economy and even their borders and freedom of travel and trade managed and determined by Israel. The occupation of Palestinian lands would remain with the relentless expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan and the Dead Sea.

As the Palestine Liberation Organisation official Hanan Ashrawi put it this week in a television interview with the Australian journalist Hamish Macdonald: "No nation can accept being imprisoned, being besieged by land, by air, by sea and deprived of the most basic requirements of a decent life: freedom of movement, clean water. For seven years they have been under a brutal and lethal Israeli siege ... You shell them and you bomb them; you destroy homes, you destroy whole neighbourhoods. You obliterate, annihilate, whole families, and then you come and say that this is self defence?"

That is why the killing and the dying goes on. Ad nauseam, ad infinitum. And the rest of the world, not caring, looks away.

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/israels-rank-and-rotten-fruit-is-being-called-fascism-20140724-zwd2t.html>

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Sydney paper cartoon 'racially vilifies' Jews, says community

New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies claims cartoon by Glen Le Lievre in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act

By [JTA](#) July 29, 2014, 5:15 pm



A screenshot of Glen Le Lievre's contentious cartoon in the Sydney Morning Herald.

SYDNEY, Australia – The umbrella body of the Jewish community in Sydney threatened to take action against a major newspaper for publishing a cartoon about Gaza that "racially vilifies" Jews.

Yair Miller, president of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, wrote to the editor of the Sydney Morning Herald Tuesday claiming that the cartoon by Glen Le Lievre in the July 26 edition was in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

"In our view this is racial vilification, not only in the sense of offending, insulting, humiliating and intimidating Jews as a group, but also in the sense of inciting third parties to hatred of Jews," Miller wrote.

The cartoon, published alongside a virulently anti-Israel article by columnist Mike Carlton, showed a yarmulke-wearing, hooked nose Jew sitting in an armchair etched with a Star of David, using a remote control to detonate a collection of buildings, presumably in Gaza.

The Anti-Defamation Commission of the B'nai B'rith also lodged a formal protest against the "anti-Semitic" image.

"This is the venomous propaganda of Der Stumer recycled for a modern-day audience," fumed commission chair Dr. Dvir Abramovich. "The cartoon portrays not just Israelis, but all Jews, as heartless, cold-blooded murderers."

The furor comes as an Islamic leader called for a ban on Australians who join the Israeli army. Samir Dandan, president of the Lebanese Muslim Association, claimed that Australians who fight in Iraq and Syria face prosecution whereas those who fight for Israel do not.

"It's hard when you say something to one side and they look and say 'how come we're not being treated the same' – it's not fair," he told the Australian Associated Press this week.

But Dr. Danny Lamm, president of the Zionist Federation of Australia, told JTA: "The law is to prevent Australians from going to fight for proscribed groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, etc., who are trying to undermine established states or commit terrorist acts."

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/sydney-paper-cartoon-racially-vilifies-jews-says-community/#ixzz38vO47swZ>

Board seeks apology from Fairfax

By Henry Benjamin, July 29, 2014

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies has sought an apology from the Sydney Morning Herald for publishing a cartoon in last Saturday's edition which they describe as being "crudely antisemitic".



The cartoon, reminiscent of those of the Hitler era, depicts a stereotypical Jew sitting in a comfortable armchair with a cat by his side on a hilltop overlooking what one can only presume to be Gaza. He is using a remote control seemingly to blow up buildings. The cartoon sits alongside an article on Gaza written by SMH columnist Mike Carlton.

There is no doubt about his ethnicity. Cartoonist Glenn Le Lievre has drawn him wearing a yarmulke and sitting on a chair with a large Star of David on its back.

The letter to the Sydney Morning Herald's editor makes it clear that the Board considers the cartoon to be

invoking racial vilification and "inciting third parties to hatred of Jews".

The Board has made it clear to the newspaper that they have received "a large number of complaints" from the community including many from Holocaust survivors who found the cartoon similar to ones they saw in the 1930s and 1940s in the Nazi newspapers "Der Stürmer" and Volkscher Beobachter.

The Board has requested that an apology be published in the same location as it appeared last Saturday.

The Board has stated that if the Sydney Morning Herald does not take the desired action it will lodge a formal complaint with the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.



Chairman of the Anti-Defamation Commission Dr Dvir Abramovich also commented on the cartoon: "It's fine to criticize Israeli policies but we are deeply shocked and outraged by Le Lievre's grotesque cartoon.

The classical stereotype of the yarmulke wearing, hooked nose, old Jew, together with the Star of David, has been a persistent theme in virulent anti-Semitic literature through the centuries. This is the venomous propaganda of *Der Stürmer* recycled for a modern-day audience.

The cartoon portrays not just Israelis, but all Jews, as heartless, cold-blooded murderers, sitting at ease and in safety with a sleeping cat by their side, remote controlled detonator in hand, deliberately and indiscriminately bombing Gaza and killing Palestinian civilians. Given that Israel goes to remarkable lengths to avoid harming civilians through a variety of measures and that we are all saddened by the deaths on all sides, to suggest that Jews and Israelis are cavalier and relaxed about the suffering caused by this conflict is so profoundly removed from the truth and is meant to denigrate, vilify and demonize.

Millions of Israeli citizens have been under incessant attack, forced to flee into bomb shelters several times a day to escape rockets targeted at them by Hamas terrorists, whose openly declared goal is the destruction of the Jewish state. In no way can this sickening cartoon be justified as an acceptable and accurate depiction of what is actually occurring in Gaza.

Dredging up images that evoke age-old anti-Semitic representations, often used to incite hatred against Jews, is clearly indefensible. This was a breathtakingly poor and offensive choice and crossed all lines, and though it will do little to repair and reverse the damage of publishing such an anti-Semitic image, we urge the editor of the SMH to issue a full apology for publishing such a hurtful cartoon."

<http://www.jwire.com.au/news/board-seeks-apology-fairfax/44837>

Jewish groups welcome apology from Fairfax Media for Gaza cartoon

By Danuta Kozaki, Posted about an hour ago - Mon 4 Aug 2014, 3:28pm

Jewish community groups have welcomed an apology from media company Fairfax over a cartoon about the conflict in Gaza.

The cartoon, published in the Sydney Morning Herald last month, depicted an elderly man adorned in Jewish symbols pointing at the site of a bombing with a remote control.

The Australian Press Council received several complaints about the cartoon, by Glen Le Lievre, and Federal Attorney-General George Brandis described it as "deplorable".

Fairfax apologised in an editorial published today.

"The Herald now appreciates that, in using the Star of David and the kippah in the cartoon, the newspaper invoked an inappropriate element of religion, rather than nationhood, and made a serious error of judgment," the editorial said.

"It was wrong to publish the cartoon in its original form.

"We apologise unreservedly for this lapse, and the anguish and distress that has been caused.

"Our commitment remains to reporting in a fair and balanced way on the appalling events in Israel and Gaza."

Yair Miller from the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies said the group welcomed the apology "and the acknowledgement of the editorial team that newspapers should not have published a cartoon redolent of the worst excesses of Nazi Germany".

"There was clearly negative racial stereotyping in the cartoon that was published," he said.

Mr Le Lievre was unavailable for comment.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/20140804/jewish-groupswelcomenewspaperapologyforcartoon/5646178>

We apologise: publishing cartoon in original form was wrong



Editorial August 3, 2014

EDITORIAL

There has been widespread reader and community reaction during the past 10 days over a cartoon that was used to illustrate an opinion piece by columnist Mike Carlton on the conflict in Gaza.

Much of that concern was borne out publicly on our letters pages – and there has continued to be commentary and correspondence that has sought to make sense of the conflict. The *Herald* has drawn opinions from a wide variety of sources to help readers to understand the causes of, and the possible ways to end, the war between Hamas and Israel.

Deeply critical exchanges have taken place over the opinions expressed in Mr Carlton's column, and

properly so, as we invite debate over any column we publish.

But the *Herald* has also fielded a number of accusations of racism over the cartoon.

Today, the *Herald* wishes to apologise for this distress, draw a line under the debate about the cartoon, and return focus back to the events in Israel and Gaza.

The cartoon showed an elderly man, with a large nose, sitting alone, with a remote control device in his hand, overseeing explosions in Gaza. The armchair in which he was sitting was emblazoned with the Star of David, and the man was wearing a kippah, a religious skullcap. A strong view was expressed that the cartoon, by Glen Le Lievre, closely resembled illustrations that had circulated in Nazi Germany. These are menacing cartoons that continue to haunt and traumatise generations of Jewish people.

In addressing individual and community concern after the publication of the cartoon on July 26, the *Herald* looked to the fact that Mr Le Lievre's distinctive drawing style routinely sees old people depicted with large noses and pronounced facial features. It is the way he draws and his visual archive, dating back many years, confirms this.

It was also significant that the cartoon had its genesis in news photographs of men seated in chairs and lounges, observing the shelling of Gaza from the hills of Sderot. One of those photos depicted an old man, wearing a kippah, reclining casually as part of a group – with Mr Le Lievre seeing comparisons between this and someone watching their television; hence the remote control. Another photo portrayed a lone man on a large couch – and thus the cartoon blended these two images.

The *Herald* deeply regretted the upset the image had caused, but felt – not least because the cartoonist lacked any intent and that actual photographs influenced the setting and physical depiction of the character in the cartoon – that no racial vilification had occurred.

However, this newspaper accepts that this position was too simplistic and ignored the use of religious symbols

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We apologise unreservedly for this lapse, and the anguish and distress that has been caused.

Our commitment remains to reporting in a fair and balanced way on the appalling events in Israel and Gaza, where our correspondent, Ruth Pollard, is currently based, witnessing daily the horrors of war. The devastation being inflicted on innocent men, women and children, on livestock and property, has shocked a world that has become all too comfortable with its own indifference – with all sides in the conflict being condemned by the United Nations for unconscionable practices.

All the while, the world earnestly hopes and waits, so far in vain, for a lasting ceasefire; and a sustainable peace – a resolution that will stay the blood and the tears.

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/smh-editorial/we-apologise-publishing-cartoon-in-original-form-was-wrong-20140803-zzxab.html>

[Imagine, Mike Carlton was prepare to apologize but that wasn't enough and management decided to punish him like a schoolboy - with a suspension, which he rejected and then promptly resigned. That's NOT bending to JEWISH pressure! – ed. Adelaide Institute.]

Mike Carlton resigns from *The Sydney Morning Herald*

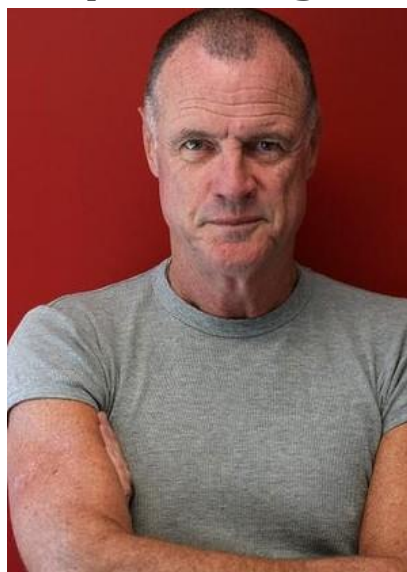


Megan Levy, Breaking news reporter, August 6, 2014 - 12:59PM

Mike Carlton has resigned as a columnist for *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Sean Aylmer, Fairfax Media's group director, News & Business Media, said Carlton resigned on Tuesday night when told he was about to be suspended for using "inappropriate" and "offensive" language during correspondence with *Herald* readers.

On Tuesday, *Herald* editor-in-chief Darren Goodsir issued a public apology for any offence caused by Carlton when he responded to readers about a controversial column he wrote about the conflict in Gaza.



Mike Carlton Photo: Natalie Boog

That column was published in the *Herald* on July 26, [and remains online](#).

Aylmer said it was not the column that led to Carlton's resignation, but Carlton's response to readers who contacted him following its publication.

Carlton used expletives and told some readers to "f--- off", Aylmer said.

On Tuesday, Goodsir initially asked Carlton to apologise, but Aylmer said that, during the afternoon, it became clear that Carlton had responded inappropriately to more emails than originally thought.

"We thought we needed to suspend him. I rang him last night and suspended him for four to six weeks, and he immediately said 'Well, I'm resigning,'" Aylmer said.

Aylmer said Carlton had responded inappropriately to at least seven or eight emails.

"It's not what he wrote in his column, and that's still online," Aylmer said.

"Being a broad church, you're allowed to write what you want; he's a commentator. But you can't treat readers that way.

"It's the fact that people made the effort to write to him, put their viewpoint across, and he uses expletives to get rid of them. It's just not appropriate for anyone who works at the *Herald* to do that."

Aylmer said it was a shame that Carlton's association with the *Herald* had ended in such a way.

"Carlton has been fantastic for the *Herald*. He's a great writer, he has a really strong point of view, he's very popular. It's a shame that it has come to this end because of the way he has treated readers.

"But readers are all important, and without them we don't have a business."

Goodsir was unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

Carlton said: "When for weeks you're called Nazi scum and a lot worse, eventually it gets to you and I told a few people where to go," he said.

"I would have thought in this country of ours that telling a few people where to get off occasionally was not a crime, but the sad thing is to see a once-great newspaper like the *Herald* buckle to the bullies.

"Certainly the understanding I had with the editor-in-chief was that there would be apologies and that I would carry on. Higher up the food chain they wanted me suspended for four to six weeks. That was [Sean] Aylmer, and that's when I resigned last night.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues at the *Herald* for the massive support they're giving me right now."

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/mike-carlton-resigns-from-the-sydney-morning-herald-20140806-100w1u.html>

Legitimate criticism is not anti-Semitism

Even here in Malta, where we have been sheltered from these realities, it is all too often that legitimate concerns about immigration are dismissed as 'racism' or 'xenophobia'



Raphael Vassallo, 5 August 2014, 7:50am



Wednesday I wrote an article comparing the rhetoric in current usage in Israel today with the rhetoric of the Nazi propaganda machine in the 1930s and 1940s. I have since (predictably) been accused of anti-Semitism, among other charges.

At a glance I find it interesting that criticism of this article – and everyone is welcome to criticise, by the way... I criticise others myself, so it's par for the course – has been polarised between two opposite extremes. It's not just Israeli sympathisers who label me racist for criticising the actions of the Israeli military in Gaza. **Holocaust deniers have separately accused me of**

misrepresenting the intentions of the (presumably benevolent) Nazi government of Germany, and of reproducing "what the victorious Jewish propaganda machine has been feeding the world".

Let's take these opposite reactions one by one. I find it strange that there are still people who believe that the Jews somehow 'won' the Second World War, and as victors were in a position to re-write its history. Even without taking the Holocaust itself into consideration, there is evidence – accepted even by Holocaust deniers – that the Jewish populations of Nazi-controlled territories were ghettoised and held in internment camps, and that many died as a direct result of the inhumane conditions in which they were kept. Some died even after the camps they were held in were liberated in 1945. And we've all seen irrefutable evidence in the form of photos and footage of emaciated, atrophic and dehumanised internees huddled behind barbed wire fences.

Norman Lowell himself, who in a sense epitomises Holocaust denial in Malta, admitted all this when interviewed on local TV a few years ago. The main differences between his view of what happened and the accepted version of nearly all historians concerns the precise number of fatalities, and the exact circumstance of their deaths. Holocaust deniers argue that the death toll was far lower than the figure of six million; and that they were not systematically exterminated, but died as a result of the appalling conditions in which they were incarcerated.

Exactly how this is supposed to make everything hunky

dory is a mystery that has befuddled me ever since. So the Nazis didn't kill Jews in gas chambers; they merely allowed them to die of starvation, deprivation and disease in prison camps. Changes the whole picture, huh? I think not.

Even if it did, I for one do not accept for a moment that stories of the Holocaust were invented by Zionist activists to maximise their profit from World War II (which is what the conspiracy theory will ultimately have us all believe). Apart from the overwhelming evidence to the contrary – which I don't have space to go into here in any great detail – there is the small matter of the sheer improbability of how six million deaths could have somehow been fabricated, without anyone ever noticing.

The enormity of this claim requires enormity of proof; yet the 'proof' that has so far been supplied is all entirely circumstantial. For the most part it involves fanciful notions that the crematoria in Auschwitz and elsewhere were used for the purposes of cremating people who had already died of natural causes... without a shred of documentary evidence to back this up. Nor does this interpretation explain why the administrators of these concentration camps were so confident that such large facilities for corpse-disposal would be required in the first place.

Above all it does not explain the abundance of documentary evidence that the Nazis did indeed plan to murder the entire Jewish population, and executed this plan wherever possible. Most of the evidence presented at the Nuremberg trials was collected from records left behind by the Third Reich itself. And oddly enough, the surviving perpetrators did not themselves deny the Holocaust, even though they had every interest to do so (not least, to save their own skin).

This is from the website of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum... and please note that if the source is too biased for you, all the testimony mentioned here was thoroughly documented during the trials themselves.

"Three key perpetrators gave evidence directly related to the Holocaust: Hermann Göring, the highest official of the Nazi state tried at Nuremberg, testified openly and frankly about the persecution of German Jews from the rise of the Nazi party to power in 1933 until the outbreak of war in 1939; Otto Ohlendorf testified directly about his unit, Einsatzgruppe D, killing 90,000 Jews in the southern Ukraine in 1941; and the commandant of Auschwitz, Rudolf Hoess, testified frankly about the gassing of more than a million Jews at the Auschwitz-Birkenau killing centre during the war. All three claimed that they carried out the legitimate orders of the state."

Yet 70 years later we have people who were not even born at the time, and who have no interest in this matter at all other than to discredit history for their own political purposes, trying to convince us that the architects of the Holocaust had no idea what they were talking about when they frankly admitted murdering millions of Jews between 1933 and 1945.

I'll leave you to decide whom to believe. Quite frankly I've wasted enough time on this type of criticism already.

The second line of criticism is not quite so easy to dismiss, because it draws on an eminently human knee-jerk response to any form of criticism, which is both dishonest and misleading. On one level it seeks to

redirect blame by playing the part of the victim and not the aggressor. On another it seeks to deflect discussion away from the real issue – i.e., a large-scale extermination of people, around 80% of them civilians – by intimidating anyone who complains about it.

We see this reaction all the time in all sorts of other contexts, too. Criticism of the atrocities committed by Isis is dismissed by some quarters as 'Islamophobia'... as though one has to be viscerally inimical towards Muslims in general to express horror or dismay when Christian, Shia or Sunni populations are massacred in unthinkable ways by a murderous, fanatical Muslim sect.

Even here in Malta, where we have been sheltered from these realities, it is all too often that legitimate concerns about immigration are dismissed as 'racism' or 'xenophobia'.

What all these responses have in common is that they simply do not address the legitimacy of the complaint that is being raised in each individual circumstance. In fact, the statement that criticism of Israel is 'anti-Semitic' does not even begin to answer the claims it seeks to dispel: it ignores altogether the question of whether Israel is using grossly disproportionate force to counter a threat that is already under its control.

Whether the person making this claim is 'anti-Semitic' or otherwise is actually irrelevant. Accusing such people – myself including, for that is what I believe also – of hatred towards the Jewish race is not only a non-sequitur, but also a rather transparent deviation tactic. It sidesteps the multifarious problems associated with this conflict by imputing malicious intentions to anyone who does not buy into one's own version of events. That is a recognised logical fallacy that goes by the name of 'ad hominem'... in other words, schoolyard name-calling.

And it's not very clever name-calling, either. When people protested against South African apartheid in the 1980s, it didn't mean that they were racist against South Africa's white population. It simply meant that they recognised an injustice where it was being perpetrated, and said so.

The same applies manifestly to the prevailing situation in Gaza today. One can, of course, sympathise with the exasperation of having to deal with a seemingly interminable stream of rocket-fire into one's own territory. But it becomes impossible to extend that sympathy to a justification of the retaliatory murder of hundreds of civilians, including women, children, the elderly and the infirm. It becomes utterly ridiculous when the same argument is also extended to justify the shelling of UN-controlled safe havens, including two schools, at a time when thousands of civilians are seeking refuge therein because they have nowhere else to go. And yet none of the comments alleging that I am 'anti-Semitic' for pointing this out offer any response to the central argument – made not just by myself, but by thousands of other people – that all this constitutes a war crime, and that... yes, war crimes can be compared, even at the distance of 70 years.

That this constitutes a war crime is not, by the way, my own interpretation. War crimes are defined by such conventions as Geneva and The Hague, and at the risk of oversimplification, they include: "murdering, mistreating, or deporting civilian residents of an occupied territory to slave labour camps; murdering or

mistreating prisoners of war or civilian internees; forcing protected persons to serve in the forces of a hostile power; killing hostages; killing or punishing spies or other persons convicted of war crimes without a fair trial; wantonly destroying cities, towns, villages, or any object not warranted by military necessity" (Wikipedia entry, 'War crimes').

The first and the last of those definitions is very clearly applicable to the shelling of civilian targets in Gaza. I fail to see how anyone can plausibly argue otherwise. The second could also apply if we accept the premise that Gaza is, effectively, an internment camp thanks to an air, sea and land blockade that has been defined by the United Nations as 'illegal'. There is evidence that the fourth (killing spies) applies more to Hamas than to Israel. So I must be racist against Palestinians, too, because I believe they should likewise be tried for any war crimes committed in this conflict.

And of course the United Nations must also be an officially anti-Semitic organisation. In response to the shelling of two UN schools by Israeli forces this week, UN secretary-general Ban Ki Moon said that "nothing is more shameful than attacking sleeping children" (a dreadful example of racism directed at the world's Jewish population, don't you think?) Separately the equally 'anti-Semitic' UN deputy secretary general, Jan Eliasson, quoted from the Geneva Convention, which unequivocally prohibits attacks on schools and hospitals.

The inescapable truth is that both these people are simply calling a spade by its proper name. Israel's response to the threat of Hamas rockets – which have so far killed three Israeli civilians, to Gaza's 800+ – has indeed been grossly disproportionate; its indiscriminate

shelling of civilian targets is manifestly illegal and abhorrent; and this is all greatly exacerbated by the fact that Palestinian civilians don't have any alternative but to expose themselves to the risk of death and injury because there is clearly no such thing as a 'safe haven' in that entire 362 square-kilometre strip.

This is the reality in Gaza today, and no amount of name-calling will change it.

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Hold on, this is waiting to be approved by MaltaToday.

Just remember that the challenge Prof Robert Faurisson formulated decades ago, remains unfulfilled: 'Show me or draw me the homicidal gas chambers at Auschwitz!' To that I add: or anywhere else during World War Two! Currently in most western democracies the official Holocaust-Shoah narrative enjoys legal protection, and thus the asking of questions has become an offence. This fulfills Prof Deborah Lipstadt's claim: 'There is no discussion about the Holocaust!'

To that I also add: Don't only blame the Jews, also blame those that bend to Jewish pressure!

A current example of this is found here -

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/mike...>

http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/comment/blogs/41921/legitimate_criticism_is_not_antisemitism#.U-HN1PmSzCs

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The Australian Fuehrer '- leadership call' - has spoken!

18C: Tony Abbott announces Racial Discrimination Act changes dropped

Updated 5 Aug 2014, 4:16pm Tue 5 Aug 2014, 4:16pm

Prime Minister Tony Abbott says he has taken a 'leadership call' to drop proposed changes to the racial discrimination act.

[ABC News: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-05/18c-tony-abbott-announces-racial-discrimination/5650192](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-05/18c-tony-abbott-announces-racial-discrimination/5650192)

Government backtracks on Racial Discrimination Act 18C changes; pushes ahead with tough security laws

By political correspondent [Emma Griffiths](#), Updated 5 Aug 2014, 4:20pm

The Federal Government has taken contentious changes to racial discrimination laws "off the table" to protect national "unity", whilst moving to toughen the nation's security laws to combat home-grown terrorism. Prime Minister Tony Abbott, flanked by Attorney-General George Brandis and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, revealed the measures at a press conference in Parliament House in Canberra.

"When it comes to counter-terrorism, everyone needs to be part of Team Australia," Mr Abbott said.

"I stress that the terrorist threat here in this country has not changed. Nevertheless it is as high as it's ever been."

The Government wants to give security agencies the resources and legal powers to respond to technological change and "evolving" threats.

Security agencies, including the Australian Federal Police, ASIO, ASIS and Customs and Border Protection, will share an additional \$630 million over the next four years to boost their operations.

The Government says about 160 Australians are currently fighting with or assisting terrorist groups in the Middle East.

Do you have a right to be a bigot?



ABC Fact Check finds the Attorney-General was ill-informed when he claimed people have a right to be bigots.

Mr Abbott says the new measures will "make it easier to identify, to charge and to prosecute people who have been engaged in terrorist activities overseas".

"Such as, for instance, by making it an offence to travel to a designated area without a valid reason," he said.

Senator Brandis will also prepare legislation likely to compel phone and internet companies to retain customers' metadata - the basic information about a phone call such as the location of the caller.

Mr Abbott said that would include "the usual range of safeguards, warrants".

Last week Senator Brandis confirmed he wanted to make it illegal to promote or incite terrorism.

This is the second package of security measures to be announced by the Government.

The first wave of changes, to update and strengthen the powers of the domestic spy agency ASIO, were introduced to Parliament three weeks ago.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-0805/government-backtracksonracialdiscriminationactchanges/5650030?WT.mc_id=newsmail

Telcos forced to keep data as Abbott tackles homegrown terror



Jared Owens, Reporter, Canberra, THE AUSTRALIAN, AUGUST 05, 2014 6:58PM



Tony Abbott with Attorney-General George Brandis during a joint press conference at Parliament House in Canberra. Source: News Corp Australia

TELCOS will be forced to retain customers' data and security agencies will have increased powers to arrest returning foreign fighters under government plans to tighten counter-terrorism laws.

Travelling to a designated area where terrorist organisations are operating will also be an offence unless there is a legitimate purpose, under proposals announced in Canberra today.

Tony Abbott also said he was [scrapping planned changes to the Racial Discrimination Act](#) to keep ethnic minorities on side.

"When it comes to counter-terrorism, everyone needs to be part of Team Australia," he said.

The suite of changes aimed at combating homegrown terrorism includes reducing the legal threshold for arresting suspected terrorists, to enable law enforcement agencies to act more quickly on threats, while passports will be more easily cancelled to prevent suspects leaving Australia or returning home.

Australia's intelligence "machinery" will be reviewed, ASIO powers due to expire will be renewed, and it will become an offence to participate in terrorist training in any way.

"The first duty of government is to keep our community safe," he said.

The reforms are a response to [the threat posed by Australians training and fighting alongside extremist groups such as the Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra in the Middle East](#), some of whom have threatened to commit further violence in Australia.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten said his party would consider the government's proposal, but accused the government of using national security as "a cover" to abandon "reckless" reforms to racial discrimination laws.

Among the proposals, the government will have the power to arrest and prosecute Australians returning home from certain areas of the globe.

The power would be used "sparingly" and it will be a defence to the law if the suspect can prove they travelled for "humanitarian purposes, family purpose and other innocuous purposes," Attorney-General George Brandis said.

Mr Abbott said the government would negotiate with telecommunications companies about data retention.

ASIO is already able to access telecommunications data held by telcos, but now is seeking mandatory data retention amid fears the companies will begin

destroying records more readily as their commercial value decline with technological change.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said that, of the 30 Australians known by agencies in 2001 to have fought alongside the Afghan Taliban, two thirds of the 25 who returned home were subsequently linked to terrorist conspiracies in Australia.

There are now five times more suspects being monitored in connection with jihad in Iraq and Syria, she said.

Mr Shorten said he would strive for bipartisanship in negotiating with the government over the national security laws.

"What we will never do is compromise the right of our citizens to be free. We need to be vigilant in defending our liberties. Once liberties are handed away and rights are handed away it is very difficult to get them back," Mr Shorten said.

"It is most important that in the pursuit of national security that we make sure we respect the concerns of not treating 23 million Australians as criminals."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/nationalaffairs/telco-s-forced-to-keep-data-as-abbott-tackles-homegrown-terror/story-fn59niix-1227014309181>

Andrew Bolt says dumping of changes to Racial Discrimination Act section 18C is 'dangerous'



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Andrew Bolt slams dropped race-hate law change

Andrew Bolt criticises Tony Abbott's decision to drop altering racial discrimination laws and tells former NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell to "pour yourself another expensive red".

Andrew Bolt has told Barry O'Farrell to "pour yourself another expensive red" after the former NSW premier mocked the conservative columnist's fury over the collapse of changes to race hate laws.

Bolt and fellow conservative media identity, Steve Price devoted the majority of their Tuesday night 2GB radio show to lashing Prime Minister Tony Abbott's decision to dump the changes.



Andrew Bolt (file photo) asked 2GB's Steve Price: 'Don't we need a frank debate ... into how the Islamic culture, muslim culture, how they integrate here?' Photo: Joe Armao

Mr O'Farrell, who resigned in April after being caught giving false evidence about a bottle of Grange to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, clearly didn't agree with Bolt and Price, tweeting during the show that the hosts were "so irrational they're almost humorous".

Bolt was alerted to the tweet and quickly directed a pointed barb at the fallen premier.

"Hello to Barry ... pour yourself another expensive red, one you might have forgotten you actually had there," he said, prompting laughter from Price.



Commentator Andrew Bolt says he does not blame Tony Abbott for dumping changes to section 18C. Photo: Andrew Meares

"I had a fair bit of regard for Barry O'Farrell before that but he has just gone down a bit in my estimation," Price told listeners. "Anyway, we have an adult in charge of NSW now and Mike Baird is doing a great job."

As premier, Mr O'Farrell criticised the proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act, saying bigotry "should never be sanctioned, whether intentionally or unintentionally". His contribution to the debate highlighted deep divisions within conservative ranks about the proposed changes.

Earlier on the show, Bolt said Mr Abbott's decision spelt a dangerous time for Australia and that the Prime Minister's justification was an "excuse rather than a reason".

Prior to last year's election, the Coalition promised to repeal section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act - which became known as the "Bolt laws" - after Bolt was prosecuted under the existing legislation over two comment pieces on white-skinned Aborigines.

On the 2GB segment, Bolt said his prosecution and the subsequent banning of his articles was "astonishing".

He also claimed Australia is "being asked to assimilate to immigrant values" in response to Mr Abbott's decision to drop the changes.

"He announced that he was dumping the free speech changes at a press conference actually called to announce fresh new measures, strong measures against terrorism, people who had been fighting for

jihadist groups overseas and would be coming back radicalised and with superior killing knowledge and pose a danger to us," Bolt said.

He referenced Mr Abbott's comment that everyone needs to be part of "team Australia" when it comes to counter terrorism.

"What he is saying is the very people, the very ethnic groups that would take exception to 18C are the same ones that are, in part, some of them, affected or take offence to the anti-terrorism legislation. To make them feel not picked on he'll retain laws against free speech," Bolt said.

As for who those who might "feel picked on by terrorism measures", Bolt identified "obviously Muslims, jihadists, people from the Middle East."

"Don't we need a frank debate, more frank than it's been so far, into how the Islamic culture, Muslim culture, how they integrate here? That is a very difficult and dangerous discussion."

Despite his anger, the News Corp commentator and *Bolt Report* host said he did not blame Mr Abbott for dumping the 18C changes.

"Tony Abbott I'm not blaming because he did try. He found immovable forces ... he couldn't have got it through the Senate," he said.

"I don't think politically he had any option."

<http://www.smh.com.au/federalpolitics/political-news/andrew-bolt-says-dumping-of-changes-to-racial-discrimination-act-section-18c-dangerous-20140806-100tzc.html>

The Hamas trap: hidden labyrinth was wired for war



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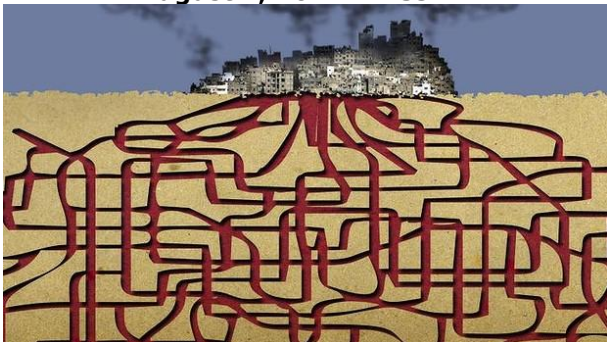


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Israeli security thought it had adequate intelligence about Gaza. It was in for a surprise. It was not just the labyrinth of tunnels discovered, much more extensive than expected, but the stockpiles: thousands of weapons, Russian anti-tank missiles, explosive devices, and large amounts of tranquillisers, handcuffs, syringes, ropes. The tools of capture on a large scale.

Some of the tunnels are very deep, big enough to hold vehicles. They were dug with electric jackhammers, mostly about 20 metres below ground, and reinforced with concrete made on site, in workshops adjacent to the tunnels.

The tunnels served as command centres, infiltration points into Israel, weapons stores, rocket-launcher hiding sites, and the means to move and conceal fighters during urban combat. The tunnels dug into Israel were created in parallel pairs, with multiple shafts to the surface for multiple entry points. Inside urban Gaza, the labyrinth could allow fighters to move unseen between homes and alleys.

Gaza had been wired for war. On a scale more advanced than Israeli military intelligence realised, which is why the Israel Defence Forces lost more than 40 soldiers in the first phase of Operation Protective Edge.

Areas of cities were laced with hundreds of booby-traps. The commander of the IDF Gaza Division, Brigadier-General Mickey Edelstein, said that in a single street in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, his soldiers had found booby-traps in 19 of 28 homes. Three Israeli soldiers were killed by an explosive device when they entered a building designated as a United Nations Relief

and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. The IDF has conceded it was surprised by the scale of the bomb traps across Gaza.

Israel is thus engaging in very limited ground combat in Gaza, given the whole area is a booby-trap of explosives, ambush and civilian targets. The largest known military control centre for Hamas was placed in the basement of a hospital.

The IDF's use of bombing has created a heavy civilian cost.

"Hamas planned these tunnels for years, and planned to use them to kidnap soldiers," chief spokesman for the IDF Brigadier-General Moti Almoz told a recent media briefing.

Actually, since then it has emerged that Hamas had a much broader agenda. Kidnappings can deliver psychological blows to Israel but not strategic ones. Hamas wanted strategic blows. It wants jihad. Having devoted so much to war preparations, by some estimates 40 per cent of its budget, Hamas, with Iran, created the capacity for a major strike on Israel.

Israeli intelligence is assembling evidence from the tunnel labyrinth and from captured Hamas members, that the scale of the effort was to have the capacity to launch a co-ordinated attack involving thousands of the approximately 15,000 fighters Hamas has trained in Gaza.

Hamas had also doubled its rocket arsenal between 2012 and this year, with hundreds of missiles with the range to reach Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, according to head of IDF military intelligence research Brigadier-General Itai Brun. Bigger missiles had been on their way in March, supplied by Iran and sourced in Syria. But the cargo ship Klos-C, an Iranian vessel under a Panamanian flag, carrying a load of M-302 surface-to-surface missiles, was intercepted by Israeli Navy special forces in the Red Sea.

With each revelation in recent weeks, the mood in Israel is that Operation Protective Edge has averted a catastrophe for the country, a mass terror attack, emerging from underground, incubated by the implacable hatred of Hamas.

The sheer scale of the war infrastructure revealed guarantees that Israel is far from done with this operation. It does not yet know the full scale of what was built and it wants this springboard of war and attrition destroyed. Tunnels have also been discovered in the West Bank, some stocked with bomb-making materials.

This is why the Israel government and public reacted with fury when US Secretary of State John Kerry suggested last week that Israel agree to a ceasefire which included a cessation of its operation to find and destroy tunnels. The proposal was deemed preposterous. (Numerous references to Kerry's facelift reflected the scorn with which his intervention was held.) Even famously pacifist Israeli author Amos Oz has been moved to condemn Hamas for creating a web of warfare through the civilian population of Gaza. At the other end of the political spectrum Economy Minister Naftali Bennett, the

leader of the nationalist Jewish Home party, said of the war preparations uncovered: "Without the ground operation, we would have woken up one day to an Israeli 9/11." Such is the nature of the Israel-Palestinian debate that many people regard all this as Israel reaping what it sows. Even as Israel strikes against a war machine, it is blamed for creating the conditions which created the threat. The result of this logic trap – and the differing standard applied to killings by Jews and killing by Muslims – is that more media coverage and outrage has been directed at Israel for the unintended deaths of children in Gaza than has been directed at the butchery of Muslims by Muslims, on a massive scale, in Iraq and elsewhere. In Syria alone, three years of war have seen

between 120,000 and 170,000 people killed, including more than 11,000 children. This violence has spilled into Iraq, with atavistic massacres of prisoners by jihadis from Islamic State. The deep animosities which are the ultimate source of this bloody absolutism could even be heard on the streets of Sydney last week, in the chants of demonstrators, some waving the black flag of the Islamic State: "Palestine is Muslim land ... Jew and Christian will not stand ... From Lakemba to Gaza ... You can never stop Islam."

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Turkish PM Erdogan says Israel 'surpasses Hitler in barbarism'

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Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan addresses members of parliament from his ruling AK Party (AKP) during a meeting at the Turkish parliament in Ankara July 15, 2014. CREDIT: REUTERS/UMIT BEKTAS

(Reuters) - Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan accused [Israel](#) on Saturday of having "surpassed Hitler in barbarism" through its attacks on Gaza, but warned Turks against taking out their anger on the country's Jewish community.

Erdogan continued to ratchet up his rhetoric against the Jewish State over its offensive, threatening to further harm to already badly frayed relations between the two countries, once regional allies.

Hours earlier [Israel](#) advised its citizens against travelling to [Turkey](#), citing "the public mood" after attacks on Israeli diplomatic missions during protests in Istanbul and Ankara against the Gaza offensive on Friday.

Palestinian officials say more than 330 people have been killed by Israeli strikes launched in response to rockets fired into Israeli territory by militants loyal to the Islamist group Hamas.

"(Israelis) have no conscience, no honour, no pride. Those who condemn Hitler day and night have surpassed Hitler in barbarism," Erdogan told supporters at a political rally in the Black Sea city of Ordu.

He accused the United States of defending Israel's "disproportionate" tactics, and bemoaned the failure of the Muslim world to take a stronger stance.

But Erdogan did warn his supporters against taking their anger out on the country's Jewish population.

"I don't approve of any (bad) attitude towards our Jewish citizens in [Turkey](#), despite all this. Why? They are the citizens of this country," he said. Around 17,000 Jews live in Turkey.

Protesters have taken to the streets of the NATO member's two biggest cities for the last two nights, and were due to return later on Saturday. Local media reported an explosion of pro-Hitler tweets and some liberal Turks reacted with outrage on Twitter when a pro-government newspaper printed a Hitler-themed crossword.

On Friday U.S. representative Eliot Engel urged Erdogan to act after the same newspaper published an open letter calling on Turkish Jews to apologise for civilian casualties in Gaza.

"The disgusting letter published by the Turkish newspaper Yeni Akit has no place in any society and only serves to put innocent lives in danger," Engel, the leading Democrat on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, said in a statement.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said early on Saturday Israelis should "avoid non-essential visits" to [Turkey](#) or be especially vigilant and steer clear of anti-Israel demonstrations.

On Friday the ministry said it would pare back already a reduced staff at its embassy in Ankara and consulate in Istanbul. Erdogan is hoping to become Turkey's first directly elected president in polls due in August, and anti-Israeli sentiment flows strongly through the largely conservative Sunni Muslim voter base he will rely on to give him victory.

The two countries have seen their relations degrade sharply in recent years, reaching crisis point when Israeli commandos stormed the Turkish ship Mavi Marmara sailing as part of a flotilla challenging the Jewish state's naval blockade of Gaza. Ten people were killed.

Efforts to repair the damage had intensified in recent months after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu apologised for the raid, but hopes of a rapprochement appear to be fading, after Erdogan said on Friday that relations between the two countries would not improve while he remained in post.

(Additional reporting by Ece Toksabay in Istanbul and [Dan Williams](#) in Jerusalem; Writing by Jonny Hogg; Editing by [Andrew Heavens](#))

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Australia Israel UK Leadership Dialogue?

Is this leadership meeting operating on the Führer Principle?

Pyne in Jerusalem

July 30, 2014 by J-Wire Staff

Australian Federal Minister for Education Christopher Pyne was the keynote speaker at the opening of the third Australia-Israel-UK leadership dialogue held in Jerusalem. J-Wire publishes his address in full...



Christopher Pyne

Tonight I wanted to address why the Australians are here. There are two reasons why we are here and I will go through them momentarily. But firstly I should say good friends visits their friends in tough times. It is easy to visit your friends when things are going well. Fair-weather friends who come and go when things are on the up and up are easy to come by. Friends who come when times are tough – they are the real friends.

Ladies and gentlemen, I was approached by a young man at the reception here at the King David Hotel on Friday, his name was Aaron, and he asked me who I was and where I was from and I said I was from Australia and he said 'why are you here?' And I very simply said, because Australians love freedom. And he said very simply, that freedom isn't free, right? And I said exactly right. The reason why the Australians are here today, the first reason, is because Australians value freedom. And we have been fighting for freedom for 114 years and usually alongside our UK friends, whether it has been in the Battle of Beersheva here in Israel, in the Second World War, or the First World War, or more recently in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Vietnam and Korea, wars that are now well and truly in the past.

Whenever there has been a congregation of freedom loving nations versus non freedom loving nations, Australia has always been prepared to be in the fight and always on the right side. And that's how we view the State of Israel that we are on the right side. It is a story about the King of Denmark during the Second World War when the Nazis changed their attitude toward the deportation of the Danish Jews. There weren't many Danish Jews, about 8,000 or so but the King of Denmark when the Nazis changed their attitude and said that they would start to deport the Jews, said that the Jews are Danes and the Danes are Jews.

In other words, the concerns of Jewish Danes were the concerns of all Danes. In the same way I believe, and I think most Australians believe, that the destruction or defeat of Israel is a concern for all of us around the world. Because Israel is the beacon of freedom and liberty in the Middle East

Gideon Saar

and Australia likes to believe that it is in the world. We are two sister nations believing in the same thing – freedom of the press, freedom of democracy, freedom of association. It shows that Israel has existential threats that requires them to take firm action to protect those freedoms, firmer actions than Australia has had to take to protect our own existence. So that is the first reason, ladies and gentlemen, why the Australians are here. Because we regard Israel and Australia as sister countries with the same value systems and we want to show our support for that system here in the Middle East.

The second reason is more personal, ladies and gentlemen, and it goes to the question of remembering some of the crimes of the past. The great crime of the past against the Jewish people was the Holocaust. And just coming to Israel as an Australian, and landing at Ben-Gurion Airport, even in the last few days travelling El Al, just by the act of coming here, we reaffirm that we will not forget the crime of the Holocaust against the Jewish people, and we stand with the Jewish people. Simply by the act of making sure this dialogue was not cancelled when some people said it should have been cancelled because it was dangerous, the Australians and British came here, simply by that act reaffirmed that we will not forget the Holocaust.

This is my sixth visit to Israel. And it is important that we come again and again to Israel.

To say it to those in the Islamic Jihad, the terrorists – Hamas or ISIS or whoever they are – that by their actions they won't frighten Australians into coming to Israel and supporting Israel. That is by me and my colleagues, whether they are Labor or Liberal, are here supporting this Dialogue because it proves, ladies and gentleman, it proves that freedom is winning and tyranny is losing.

Israeli Minister of Interior Gideon Saar has also addressed the Australia Israel UK Leadership Forum.

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What was Carlton's anti-Semitic comment? Calling someone a "Jewish bigot"?

Carlton resigns – August 6, 2014 by J-Wire Staff

Sydney Morning Herald columnist Mike Carlton has resigned following demands that he must apologise for using anti-semitic comments when responding to readers criticising him for an article written in the Israel-Gaza conflict. Fairfax Media's director of business media, Sean Alymer was interviewed on Sydney radio station 2UE this morning saying "What got him in a lot of trouble is the way he responded to those readers. It's not the article itself, it's the way he treated readers. We

said we'd suspend him and he's resigned on the spot," Mr Alymer said. "He was apologetic. He accepted he had gone too far. As more emails emerge we kind of figured we needed to suspend him. We need to put the readers first. It wasn't one or two emails, It was several emails. You just can't do that."

In abusive emails and tweets to readers, Carlton called one a "Jewish bigot" and told several others to "f**k off".

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